

**Coast Well Protected.**

After several weeks of work along the entire stretch of the Atlantic and gulf coasts, the navy department has completed the most comprehensive and efficient system for observing the approach of a hostile fleet that has ever been put into operation. A new bureau has been created for this purpose, known as the coast signal service, in charge of Capt. Bartlett, who attends to this, as well as to the work of the naval board of information. The system has the services of 2300 men, stretched along the coast from Bar Harbor, Me., to Galveston, Tex. These are divided into 34 central stations, about 60 to 100 miles apart along the coast. The stations are, in turn, connected directly by telegraph with the coast signal office of the navy department, and operators are on duty night and day keeping the navy department in constant touch with the entire stretch of Atlantic and gulf coasts.

**Army And Navy Officers.**

The fact that war is the one important consideration of the day, everything throwing light on the business is sought after. There are two great divisions of those who battle in times of war: those who fight on land in the army and those who fight on the high seas in the navy. It is of interest to compare the relative rank of the two forces.

The president is commander-in-chief of the army and navy, as provided by the constitution, but thus far he has never appeared on the field although there is no reason why he should not if he so desired.

The ranks of the army and corresponding ranks of the navy are:

Lieut. General ..... Vice Admiral.  
Major General ..... Rear Admiral.  
Brig. General ..... Commodore.

Colonel ..... Captain.  
Lieut. Colonel ..... Commander.  
Major ..... Lieut. Commander.  
Captain ..... Lieutenant.  
First Lieut. .... Gunner Lieut.  
Second Lieut. .... Ensign.

The pay of the officers varies somewhat, and is as follows:

Vice Admiral.....	9,000
Rear Admiral.....	6,000
Commodore.....	5,000
Captain.....	4,500
Commander.....	3,600
Lieut. Commander.....	2,800
Lieutenant.....	2,400
Lieutenant (J. G.).....	1,800
Ensign.....	1,200
Lieut. general.....	11,000
Major general.....	7,500
Brig. general.....	5,500
Colonel.....	3,500
Lieut. Colonel.....	3,000
Major.....	2,500
Captain.....	1,800
First Lieut.....	1,500
Second Lieut.....	1,400

**Hatred of Spanish in the Philippines.**

A correspondent quotes a gentleman who has lived in the Philippine islands three years, to the effect that the natives ferociously hate the Spaniards. No Spaniard, even before the late revolt, could venture alone two miles from the big towns, for fear of capture or murder by brigands. English and American men and women could go all over the islands with safety, and did, but the Spanish were not tolerated. This same resident of three years describes the native people as naturally docile and intelligent, remarkably so. He says a just government would find them as easy to manage as any people in the world.

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